

SITUATION REPORT NO. 5
INCIDENT NO. 2005-121
DATE: November 1, 2005 Time: 3:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: **Severe Winter Storm** – A record-breaking early winter storm with heavy snow, rain and high winds moved through portions of North Dakota on October 4-6, 2005, disrupting power supplies and stranding motorists.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES:

 LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

 STATE: No change from previous reports.

 FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Governor John Hoeven on October 31, 2005, requested President Bush declare a federal disaster for impacts resulting from the record-breaking early snow storm that moved through portions of North Dakota on October 4-6, 2005, causing power outages, stranding hundreds of motorists, damaging transportation and power infrastructure and isolating rural residents. Jurisdictions included in the emergency declaration request are Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, Benson, Billings, Bottineau, Bowman, Burke, Dunn, Golden Valley, McHenry, McKenzie, McLean, Mercer, Oliver, Pierce, Renville, Rolette, Sheridan, Stark, Towner and Ward counties. Additionally, 11 counties meet the criteria established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) "for near record snowfall" and may be eligible for assistance. Those counties include Billings, Bowman, Burke, Dunn, Golden Valley, McKenzie, Morton, Mountrail, Stark, Ward and Williams. Nine additional counties meet the criteria of the snow policy for emergency snow removal. Those

counties include Bottineau, Divide, Grant, Hettinger, Mercer, Pierce, Renville, Rolette and Slope. Their eligibility will be based on snow of record information, which the National Weather Service (NWS) is currently compiling. The request follows Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) conducted in partnership with local, tribal, state and federal officials to assess damages to public, private and governmental properties.

Bowman County

County Commissioners signed an emergency declaration on October 18. Officials for the cities of Bowman and Rhome signed emergency declarations on October 18.

Bottineau County

County Commissioners signed an emergency declaration on October 21.

McKenzie County

County Commissioners issued an emergency declaration on October 24.

Rolette County

County Commissioners signed an emergency declaration on October 25.

Sheridan County

County Commissioners issued an emergency declaration on October 21.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Homeland Security's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/des>.

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